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Tax 'em if you got 'em



Hi-Times employee Ben Richer helps a customer Tuesday at the Richmond Street store. The shop's manager is among those well aware that marijuana sales could be a cash cow for the government. ANGELA MULLINS/METRO

Colorado-style cash.

Tax from legal pot
would mean \$5M per
month for province,
says London economist



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A London economist says that
Colorado has proven what
many have been saying all
along: Legalize marijuana, regu-
late it and the tax dollars will
come flowing in.

It's been estimated that in
the first month of legalized
weed sales, the state made a
cool \$2.1 million in taxes.
That's outside of the \$1.4 mil-
lion it made taxing medicinal
marijuana.

Ivey School associate profes-
sor Mike Moffatt said the tax
works out to about 40 cents for
each of Colorado's 5.2 million
people.

"Assuming the usage would
be similar among Ontario's
almost 13 million people, the
tax the government would earn
would be around (a) lofty \$5
million," he said.

That's for a single month,
equating to \$60 million a year.

He cited a Fraser Institute
report that stated the federal
government could realize over
a billion dollars a year if pot was
legalized.

But London West Conserva-
tive MP Ed Holder said he
couldn't disagree more with
the figures. Price, he said, will

Why tax weed?

**"A lot of this tax money is
money that would
otherwise be going to
drug dealers.... Instead
of financing that, why
not finance schools and
hospitals and all the other
things our society needs?"**

Mike Moffatt, Ivey School associate professor

still create competition be-
tween the legal outlets and
drug dealers.

"That does not go away be-
cause it's been legalized," he
said. "The underground econ-
omy does not go away."

Plus, Holder said, he's never
known of a situation in which a
person using hard drugs didn't
start off with marijuana.

"If you ask our local (police)
chief if he thinks marijuana
should be legalized, it would be
interesting to get his reaction
to that. I imagine he'd say no.
The previous chief said no ... be-
cause it leads to other things,"
Holder said. "At what point do
you put money ahead of prin-
ciple?"

Hi-Times manager Mike
Gin, who's been in the London
head shop business for 25 years,
argued it only makes sense for
the government to cash in.

"It's a revenue generator, so
why lose the money if they can
tax it?" he asked. "They could
regulate it like cigarettes so
that people under a certain age
couldn't buy it."

Three people charged in student visa scam

Standardized tests. Trio used fake passports to take English exams for would-be students: Cops



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Three people have been charged by London police

after allegedly using forged passports to write English proficiency exams for others.

The exams are standardized tests used to evaluate a student's ability to use English in an academic context and are one of the qualifications required for acceptance into colleges and universities in Canada.

Once accepted to a school, student visas are granted or extended through Immigra-

tion Canada.

Acting on a tip from the Canadian Border Services Agency, police arrested Alan Yan, 25, of North York, 39-year-old Li Huang of Richmond Hill and 27-year-old Mengshi Yue of Toronto.

Huang is also charged with public mischief for providing a false name to police to divert suspicion.

They've been charged with possession of a forged

passport, possession of a forged document, impersonation at examination and impersonation to gain advantage.

It's alleged they attended a testing centre and presented a counterfeit passport that shows their picture along with the identification of the person that hired them.

They would then write the exam and receive a pass-

ing score allowing the person that hired them to be admitted into the school, police said.

Police say the average cost for this service was about \$7,000.

A spokesperson at CBSA wasn't available to comment on the case.

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Central Library gets creative, keeps students busy during March Break

Drawing on the windows, playing with your food and even turning books into building blocks were all given the OK on Tuesday at the Central Library. With students on March Break, the library turned one of its wings into a "makerspace" — a spot designed to turn everyday objects into chances to get creative. Samuel Reed, 10, of London, pictured here, spent the better part of an hour livening up the library windows while others took on projects such as turning bananas into bongo drums and potatoes into pianos. ANGELA MULLINS/METRO

Vehicle description updated in attempted abduction

St. Thomas police are adding to the description of a vehicle involved in the attempted abduction of two young girls in hopes it will lead to their suspect.

The vehicle was originally described as an older, full-size pickup truck. They now say it is believed to be dark red, possibly with four doors, with rust on the driver's side front door panel. There also may be

a dent in the rear cab.

Police started investigating Saturday after two eight-year-old girls were approached while walking about 3:30 p.m. on Owaissa Street.

A man asked if they wanted to go for a ride in the truck. When the girls refused, the suspect got out of the vehicle and tried to physically pull them in.

The girls managed to run to a nearby home and called police. The man quickly left the area.

He's described as white in his 40s, standing about five-foot-10, with black, bushy hair and a beard. He was wearing a black three-quarter-length coat at the time.

Anyone with information is asked to contact St. Thomas police. METRO

Deadly blaze. Elderly woman killed following Sterling Street house fire

An 85-year-old London woman died Tuesday after her home at 80 Sterling St. caught fire.

Firefighters entered the home about 12:25 p.m. and found the woman unconscious. She was rushed to London Health Sciences Centre by EMS, where she was pronounced dead.

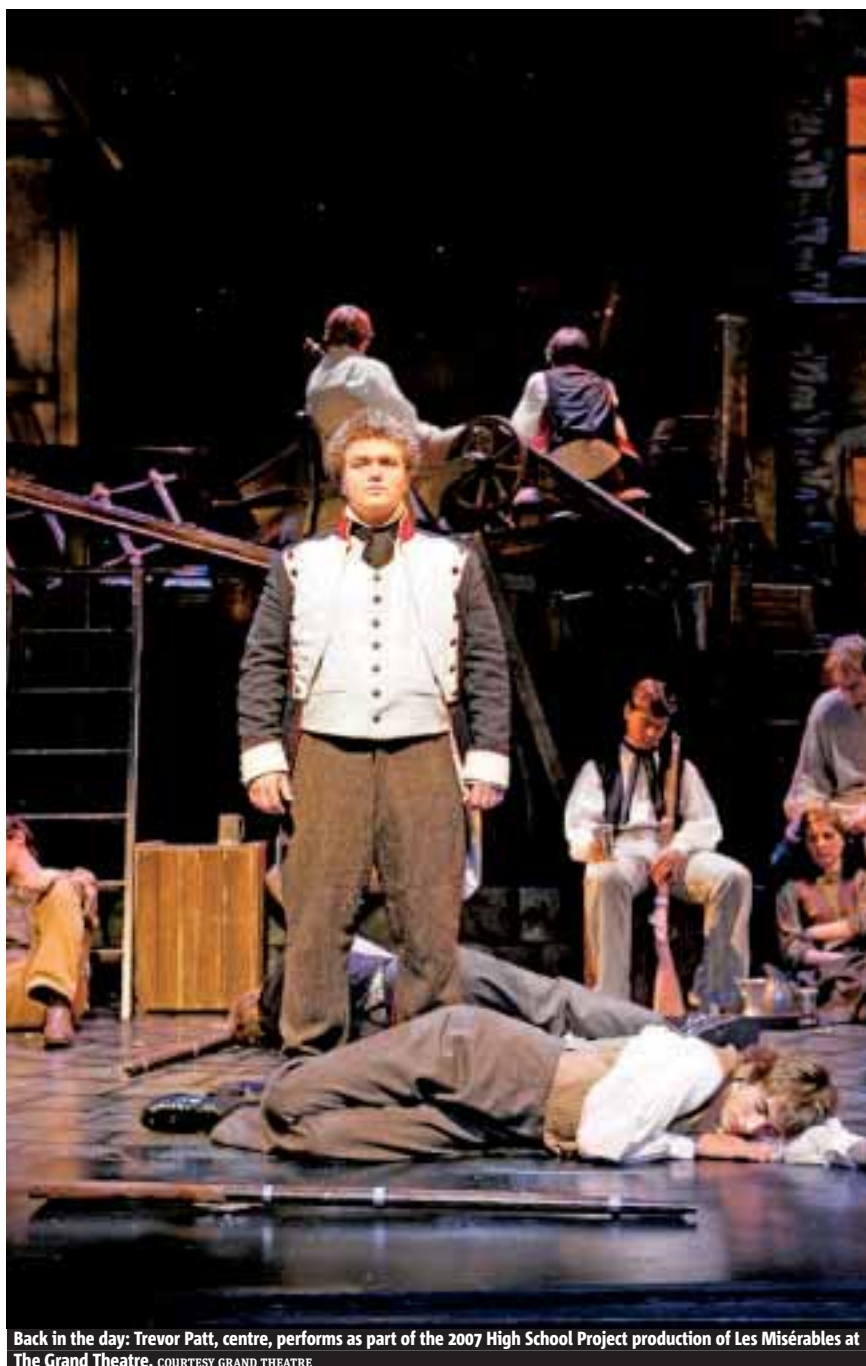
Her name has not been re-

leased.

Members of the London Police Service's major crimes unit are investigating, but the fire is not believed to be suspicious.

Anyone with information is asked to call police at 519-661-5670 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

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Back in the day: Trevor Patt, centre, performs as part of the 2007 High School Project production of Les Misérables at The Grand Theatre. COURTESY GRAND THEATRE

Homecoming for 3 actors

Award-winning musical. Actors Callandra Dendias, Natalia Gracious, Trevor Patt got their start at The Grand



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Call it the Middlesex County Spelling Bee.

Er, make that Putnam County with a lot of Middlesex flavour thrown in the mix.

As The Grand Theatre prepares to open a nearly month-long run of the Tony Award-winning 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee next week, three young actors are marking a homecoming.

Callandra Dendias, Natalia Gracious and Trevor Patt have all latched onto roles in the acclaimed musical — making Forest City talent account for a third of the stars.

And, each of the actors got their start on The Grand stage as part of the theatre's High School Project, an annual effort that gives the best secondary school students a chance to stage a show with the pros.

It was there that Patt decided to turn his love of theatre into a career.

"It was an absolutely wonderful experience," he said, talking about the two shows (West Side Story and Les Misérables) he did at The Grand

If you go

- 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee runs March 18-April 12 on the main stage at The Grand Theatre.
- The musical tells the story of six characters in the midst of adolescence competing for the spelling championship of a lifetime.
- Check grandtheatre.com for details.

At a glance

Callandra Dendias, age 31.
Graduated: Saunders Secondary School, 2002
Where she lives now: London
On Putnam County Spelling Bee: "The audience is interactive in this show. So we actually bring audience members onto the stage to participate in the spelling bee with us, and it's hilarious."

Natalia Gracious, age 27.
Graduated: Central Secondary School, 2004
Where she lives now: Toronto
On Putnam County Spelling Bee: "It is so much fun, it's hilarious even for us. There are parts where I have a hard time keeping a straight face."

Trevor Patt, age 22.
Graduated: Beal Secondary School, 2009
Where he lives now: Toronto
On Putnam County Spelling Bee: "The show is very, very funny and goofy but it still has a lot of heart and is deeper than your average funny goofy, screwball comedy."

many memories," said Gracious, whose professional career has taken her from Saskatchewan to Prince Edward Island, and then some. "Even coming back into the rehearsal hall just felt incredible."

Home searched

Duo facing drug charges

A Woodstock man and woman face several drug charges after police executed a search warrant Monday at a Naskapi Street home.

Ryan Procenko and Rebecca Reeves, both 28, have been charged with seven counts.

The investigation resulted in the seizure of cocaine, numerous prescription narcotics and Canadian currency with a combined street value of approximately \$47,000.

SCOTT TAYLOR/METRO

Western prof offering reward for decoding mysterious note

Like a scene out of an Indiana Jones movie, Mike Moffatt is on a hunt for the meaning behind a mysterious paper lined with symbols found in an obscure economics book at Western University.

The Western University economist found the first note Sunday in a textbook he said likely gets opened once every five years at the D.B. Weldon Library on campus.

The cryptogram came with a leaf at the top and symbols similar to Egyptian hieroglyphic writing. Since then, a

Reward

\$100

Mike Moffatt is offering a reward of \$100 to anyone who can crack the cryptogram found in a book at Western University's Weldon Library.

library employee has turned in two other notes.

No one seems to know what to make of them, but Moffatt is offering a sizable reward for anyone who can

crack the code.

"That was just the weirdest thing, being in a library on Sunday and stumbling across this thing in a book," he said.

Moffatt found the paper in a small envelope.

"When I found it, I thought someone had been using it as a bookmark or something, but curiosity got the best of me and, sure enough, there was a note and a little plastic leaf in there," he said. "Damned if I can figure out what these things are for."

SCOTT TAYLOR/METRO

UPwithART. 13 art pieces donated by notable collectors up for auction

Organizers behind one of the London's most beneficial art shows have set the date for 2014.

UPwithART will return to the Palace Theatre on April 12, mixing works by Unity Project residents with that of New School of Colour youth artists and professionals.

An expected 85 pieces of art will be on hand for the event. Pieces, including 13 donated by notable collectors, will be sold via silent auction.

Proceeds will go toward the Unity Project's goal of raising \$75,000 for its life-skills program.

The non-profit operates an emergency shelter and offers transitional housing for those who are homeless.

Tickets for UPwithART event are \$40 after Wednesday and available by calling 519-433-8809 or visiting upwithart.ca. The website includes a digital gallery of work included in the auction.

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Dogs doing their business is keeping this man in business

We came, we thaw, we smelled. As snow melts, unpleasant surprises are revealed — and Poop Fighters wants to do the doo-doo work for you



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Jamie Manz wants to be number one when it comes to number two.

The St. Thomas resident has launched Poop Fighters, a one-man show in the exciting and challenging field of dog waste.

In what has been one of the coldest, snowiest winters on record, many people have skipped the usual walks around the block with their dogs in favour of letting them out the back door to do their business.

When spring finally arrives, the snow will melt and uncover some nasty surprises.

That's when Poop Fighters comes to the rescue for those who don't want to deal with a minefield of manure.

"I came across the idea a couple of years ago and I just toyed with it, but this year I decided to register it as a business," he said. "So this will be my first legitimate season doing it."

He already has a number of weekly customers and plans to cultivate more steady business through word-of-mouth and a before-and-after photo section on his site, poopfighters.com.

The job isn't without its pitfalls, though. Things can, he said, get pretty bad.

He recalls one backyard that was totally out of control and, frankly, smothered in poop.

"There was one in the Fanshawe area. The guy had three dogs, and they were huskies or German shepherds and the whole backyard was just insane," Manz said. "That was the worst I've seen. I couldn't scoop it. I had to rake it, but it turned out beautifully."



Jamie Manz, the one-man show behind Poop Fighters, is hoping to be king of some of the ickiest cleanups this spring. CONTRIBUTED

Ontario worried about impact of Korean trade deal on auto sector



Prime Minister Stephen Harper and South Korean President Park Geun-Hye announced Tuesday that Canada and South Korea have reached a free-trade agreement, ending around nine years of on-off negotiations. GETTY IMAGES

Ontario is worried about "the potential for serious negative impacts" from Canada's new free-trade deal with South Korea on the province's automakers, Economic Development and Trade Minister Eric Hoskins said Tuesday.

Two years isn't enough time for domestic automakers to adjust to the removal of Canada's 6.1 per cent tariff on imports of Korean cars, Hoskins said in reaction to the deal announced in Seoul by Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

"The province and the auto sector have repeatedly expressed that without sufficient safeguards, this agreement creates an unequal playing field between South Korean and Canadian car manufacturers," he said.

Ontario told the federal government during the free-trade negotiations that it needed the longest-possible phase-out period for the tariff, up to seven years if possible. The U.S. negotiated a five-year tariff phase-out period in its trade deal with

Quoted

"Our government remains very concerned regarding the potential for serious negative impacts this agreement could have on Ontario's auto sector."

Eric Hoskins, Ontario's economic development and trade minister

South Korea.

Hoskins complained that Canada's deal also doesn't include a provision that would have allowed Ottawa to reimpose tariffs if South Korea imposes non-tariff barriers to restrict sales of Canadian cars in their market.

"I am also disappointed that the federal government, despite our repeated requests, was unable to secure the same snap-back provisions that the U.S. negotiated through its deal with South Korea," said Hoskins.

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Queen's Park. Liberals aim to extend MPP pay freeze

Ontario's Liberal government will introduce legislation next week to freeze the pay of members of the provincial parliament for another five years.

The Liberals will introduce the bill to avoid an automatic pay increase for MPPs of five to six per cent that would kick in April 1.

Government sources say the bill will extend the pay freeze — which was first imposed in 2009 — to 2019, and even then MPPs would only

get a raise if the budget is balanced.

The Liberals face an \$11.7-billion deficit, and say freezing the pay of politicians and their non-unionized political staff is the government's way of leading by example.

Ontario MPPs are supposed to make 75 per cent of what members of Parliament make, but have been capped at \$116,500 a year for the past five years.

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Woodstock. Two charged, third sought in graffiti case

Two men have been charged and police are looking for a third in a long graffiti investigation in Woodstock.

David O'Quinn, 19, and Derek O'Quinn, 22, are charged with one count each of mischief over \$5,000. Police are trying to locate a third suspect who is ex-

pected to face charges.

The charges stem from unique graffiti tags appearing on private and city property, including electrical boxes, signs and buildings, in the past year, police said.

Cleanup costs are estimated in the thousands of dollars, police said. METRO

'Miracle baby' is doing well — and has a name

Mireya. Halifax mother whose newborn was declared dead settled on a Spanish name that means 'miracle'



RUTH DAVENPORT
Metro in Halifax

The mother of the "miracle baby" born at the IWK Health Centre in Halifax this week says the baby appears to be making a steady recovery — and yes, she has a name.

Robin Cyr's child wasn't breathing when she was delivered around 3 a.m. March 8 after a complicated birth.

The baby was declared dead after about 25 minutes, Cyr said — but suddenly started breathing on her own after staff stopped trying to revive her.



The newborn baby girl on Sunday in the neonatal intensive-care unit at the IWK Health Centre in Halifax. JEFF HARPER/METRO IN HALIFAX

On Tuesday, Cyr said she had settled on a name for the big newborn: Mireya, a Spanish name that means "miracle."

"I've seen her open her eyes for the first time," said Cyr, 34,

during a phone conversation Tuesday afternoon, adding that doctors were pleased with the baby's progress. "In maybe another four or five hours, I'll get to hold her for the first time."

Quoted

"It's just kind of emotional ... just because of everything (Cyr's) been going through. It's just a hard thing to grasp."

Anita Richards, "miracle baby" Mireya's aunt

Since Monday, when Metro first published Cyr's story, it has been picked up by international media, including the British publication the Daily Mail and the New York Daily News.

But Cyr said she still hasn't processed the reality of almost having lost her fourth child.

"It didn't hit me yet," she said, adding she's been "very busy" with visits from friends and concerned relatives — all of which she's trying to juggle around caring for her newborn.

PQ. Independent Quebec would welcome Canadian tourists, says Marois

An independent Quebec would have no borders and would open its arms to tourists from Canada, Parti Québécois Leader Pauline Marois said Tuesday.

Marois was asked on the campaign trail whether an independent Quebec would be more attractive as a tourism destination.

"It won't change our landscapes, that's for sure," she said. "We'll still be able to go see the Rockies out west and go to Prince Edward Island and they'll be able to come here. There won't be any borders or tolls."

Marois then said an independent Quebec would have more latitude and freedom but she did not immediately elaborate on the border issue.

Later in the day, Marois sought to clarify the border comments when she agreed with a reporter's assertion that an independent Quebec would be like the European Union, where there is free movement of citizens.

"That's what it means, but



Parti Québécois Leader Pauline Marois walks to her campaign bus Tuesday after a press conference in Bécancour, Que. JACQUES BOISSINOT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

that's not to say there wouldn't be a (Quebec) citizenship and ... a passport," Marois said.

For his part, Liberal Leader Philippe Couillard said the PQ's constant musings on Quebec's future only serve to hurt the province.

"Every time they hint at a referendum, Quebec is weakened," he said at a campaign stop in Trois-Rivières.

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Critch's corner



Newfoundland native Mark Critch believes negative perceptions of East Coasters are becoming a thing of the past. JEFF HARPER/METRO IN HALIFAX

It's outdated: 22 Minutes' Mark Critch on the East Coast typecast

Atlantic Canada is known for its funny folk.

From Rick Mercer to Cathy Jones, East Coast comics seem second-to-none in bringing Canadians to gales and guffaws.

But when it comes to the Atlantic Canadian stereotype, 22 Minutes veteran funnyman and St. John's, N.L., native Mark Critch gets serious.

Metro News caught up with the comedian in Halifax to hear his thoughts on pigeonholing Atlantic Canadians and whether the East Coast label is changing.

Describe a stereotypical Atlantic Canadian.

I guess a bit of a drinker. Working the system to get a cheque. Happy-go-lucky.

Are they/we crazy? Or is there some merit to these stereotypes?

I don't think so. Anyone who has met a farmer, fisherman or plant worker would know they are hard workers. Seasonal work doesn't mean lazy. Most people who depend on EI to supplement income work a lot harder and longer than the politicians who send out the EI PIs (Employment Insurance Private Investigators).

You're looking at a stereotypical Atlantic Canadian — what do you see?

The "Newfie joke" used to be the guy in the sou'wester, pipe in hand, nodding and winking. I think these days more people think of Rick Mercer or Rex Murphy or Danny Williams when they think of Newfoundland. It's outdated.

How do you think people elsewhere in the country think of you?

Everywhere I go I hear people talking about the job opportunities in oil and gas, the scenery, the music scene, etc. I think a lot of Canadians want to come here and are envious of a place that has such a healthy cultural identity.

It seems like most of the negative East Coast stereotypes come from East Coasters themselves — are we a self-deprecating bunch? Is it all in our heads?

I disagree. When East Coasters went to the big city to find work in the '50s, '60s and '70s, they were mocked and made fun of because they spoke differently. They weren't as "hip." One of the reasons we have so many comedians is that we quickly learned a sharp wit was handy in these situations. The new generation is proud of who they are and where they are from. And so they should be. I don't hear those jokes anymore when I travel. Used to be the first thing someone in Toronto would do was tell you a Newfie joke. Now they say, "I love Hey Rosetta."

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WHO IS AN EAST

Know the East Coast, from least to most.

Drinking, smoking, living on lobster and welfare — is this how the rest of Canada sees the East?

RUTH
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Metro in Halifax

In a country the size of Canada, stereotypes are hard to avoid. They're a shortcut to identity, an easy way of distinguishing people in one place from another. British Columbians are left-wing pot-smoking radicals, Albertans are ultra-conservative cowboys and Ontarians believe they're the centre of the universe.

Then there's Atlantic Canada, to most Canadians the home of friendly, roughspun fisherfolk scratching out a living in quaint villages scattered across the lovely expanse of land between Montreal and the ocean.

"I find that they're often envious about when I talk about my visits home, going to the ocean, just the natural beauty and landscape of the Maritimes," said Windsor Junction, N.S., resident Sarah Harper, now living in London, Ont. "They have that postcard image of Peggy's Cove, and that's what the Maritimes is."

It sounds benign — better than being a cowboy, anyway — but experts say there's some unflattering baggage lurking behind that romanticized caricature.

"Packaged in with the stereotype of the fisher is precarious employment, ruralness, hard living, underdevelopment," said Howard Ramos, a professor of sociology and Canadian studies at Halifax's Dalhousie University.

"Those are some of the same things that contribute to stereotypes around drinking, smoking, etc. And they also

Whose identity is it?

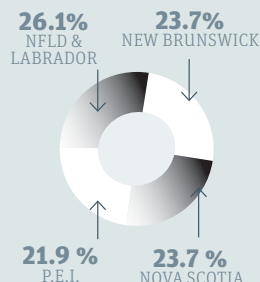
There's a fair bit of this being the ball in our court ... are we going to have our narrative authentically shaped by ourselves or are we going to have it foisted on us by someone else?

Ray Ivany
Chair, Nova Scotia Commission, Building Our New Economy

Smoking rates

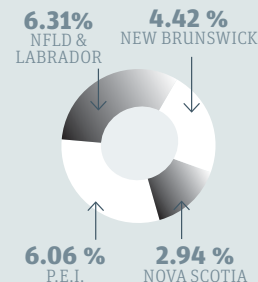
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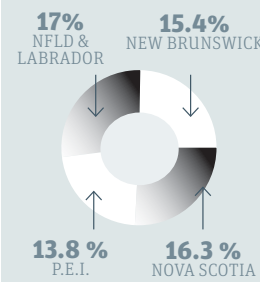
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CANADA: 1.48 %



Alcohol use

(EXCEEDING LOW-RISK
DRINKING GUIDELINES,
CHRONIC, 2011)
CANADA: 14.4 %



contribute to some of the reality."

Fact, fiction and the grey areas

Stereotypes are a blend of fact and distortions of fact: To wit, the fishing industry is Atlantic Canada's largest single private employer, but actual fishermen represent only a small percentage of the total population.

Most Atlantic Canadian stereotypes are rooted, in some form, in the region's post-Confederation history as "have not." Social indicators of poverty, such as smoking, alcohol abuse and obesity rates, are highest in the Atlantic provinces, reinforcing perceptions of the region as economically depressed — and insignificant.

"Even when the (groundfish) fishery closed, the rest of Canada didn't seem to have a visceral reaction," said Ramos, referring to the 1990s collapse of cod and groundfish stocks, which sustained the livelihoods of thousands of fishers and processing plant

workers. "It was overshadowed by the Quebec referendum, the low Canadian dollar... When you think that four provinces of the country were affected, that's a surprising lack of concern."

Perhaps the best-known example of an Atlantic Canada brush-off is Prime Minister Stephen Harper's observation in 2006 that the region suffered from a "culture of defeat."

"It's ... taking a very complex set of circumstances, psychologically, culturally, attitudinally, and then making a relatively far-reaching stereotypical comment," said



Will the image of plaid-clad fisherfolk follow East Coasters for generations to come?

JEFF HARPER/METRO IN HALIFAX

COASTER?

Fascinating ignorance?

"I think there's a fascination with East Coast culture, the romanticization ... yet a failure to actually get even one step below that facade to get to know the names of our provinces, for example."

Megan Leslie
Halifax MP

Ray Ivany, president of Acadia University and chair of a panel that released a recent sweeping report on Nova Scotia's economic prospects.

Ivany spent 14 months in research and public consultation for the panel's report, and said Nova Scotians definitely suffer from some cultural "fault lines" — but shouldn't let those become the grounds for being overlooked.

"You'd never let somebody else, who barely knows you, declaratively make a statement that defined

you," he said. "So why should we allow it as a province or a region?"

The interplay of politics and identity

Stereotypes make great punchlines, but they have real-world implications that are no laughing matter. Halifax MP Megan Leslie says she and her Atlantic counterparts tend to tread carefully around certain issues because of the possibility of reinforcing negative stereotypes.

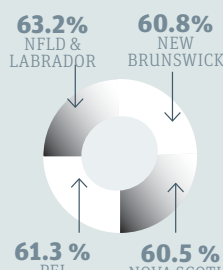
"Sometimes we're shy about, well, do we really want to go out on this EI thing again," she said. "Because while it is an important issue for us in Atlantic Canada, maybe we are painting ourselves as the poor Atlantic cousins."

Ramos says basic fairness is another reason to confront stereotypes, noting Canada can't dismiss the Atlantic region as the poor cousin while benefiting from its workers and exports.

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central Canada wants to eat the lobsters, and have the Christmas trees and have the offshore oil and the mineral resources in Labrador, it means this region has to have an infrastructure investment in it from central Canada as well," he said.

Changing the Atlantic Canada stereotype could also have a potential impact on the region's economic future. Ivany's report highlighted a need in Nova Scotia to change negative attitudes towards entrepreneurial success and outsiders to encourage and promote growth.

Although the deeply entrenched suspicion towards "come from aways" may be understandable, given a long history of being governed and managed by absentee and often exploitative entities, Ivany said it's time to start being more welcoming — not just "friendly" — to immigrants who come to Atlantic Canada in search of a home.

"The challenge now is to recognize that we've got to be much more welcoming, much more supportive of people from around the world who want to come here and frankly we need to be part of our province," he said.

Ultimately, Harper — the Windsor Junction resident living in Ontario — says Atlantic Canadians need to stop beating up on themselves.

"I don't want to say ... there's a bit of an inferiority complex, but I really think there is," she said. "Have a little bit of pride that I think most of the rest of the country is pretty envious."

Your turn

How would you describe an East Coaster?



We asked via social media. Here's what you said:

1) Honest & reliable appearance, laugh lines around eyes & mouth, normal teeth (not artificially white), wearing jeans and plaid.

A lot of happy old guys

2) Courteous, social and can't drive.

Proud Maritimer... salt of the earth. Our look is diverse.

3) Probably clinically depressed & unemployed

Definitely laid back... less stress here.

4) White, middle-aged, redneck, blue-collared, slightly overweight, uninformed, boring, no appreciation of the arts, alcoholic... full of complaints but no solutions, & completely out of touch with younger generations.

Easy going people, a little behind the times in fashion and trends

5) Friendliest people on the planet.

6) No young ones. They're all out west.

To watch a video of what people at the Halifax Stanfield International Airport had to say about this topic, visit metronews.ca/halifax

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Wear it with pride

The sou'wester hat trick

There are few Canadian symbols more iconically East Coast than the sou'wester.

The collapsible rain hat — traditionally an oilskin — extends longer in the back to protect the neck from rain and often features a flipped-up front brim gutter for added rain protection.

But few might be aware of the process and protocol involved in donning the yellow bonnet.



Follow these four sacrosanct steps — endorsed by the apocryphal Angus Sou'Wester — and you too can wear the oilskin with East Coast pride:

- Place sou'wester on head, ensuring that the short brim faces the bow with the long brim pointing towards your stern.
- Take pure salt water from the Atlantic Ocean and anoint sou'wester with care.
- Pour one full ounce of black rum or a reasonable facsimile.
- Place left hand over heart and, facing the Atlantic Ocean, down rum in one gulp.

Jetson had his flying car, Brin has his driverless car

Soon you'll have one too? With self-driving cars already being tested, officials are busy deciding on the new rules of the road

Sooner or later, consumers will be able to buy cars that rely on computers — not the owner — to do the driving.

With that in mind, the California Department of Motor Vehicles held an initial public hearing Tuesday as it puzzles through how to regulate the public's use of the technology that is still being tested.

Among the complex questions officials wanted to unravel:

How will the state know the cars are safe?

Does a driver even need to be behind the wheel?

Can manufacturers mine



While he is clearly not as cool as George Jetson, Google co-founder Sergey Brin seems pleased after riding in a driverless car with California Gov. Jerry Brown, far left, and state Sen. Alex Padilla, second from left, to a bill signing for driverless cars at Google headquarters in Mountain View, Calif., in 2012. ERIC RISBERG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

data from onboard computers to make product pitches based on where the car goes or set insurance rates on how it is driven?

Once the stuff of science fiction, driverless cars could be commercially available by decade's end. Before then,

the DMV wants to decide how to integrate the cars — often called autonomous vehicles — onto public roads.

Three other states have passed driverless car laws, but those rules mostly focus on testing.

California's legislature

passed a law in 2012 that mandated rules on testing and public operation, and the DMV expects within weeks to finalize regulations dictating what companies must do to test the technology on public roads.

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Take that, polar vortex. Top U.S. airlines flying high despite rough winter

U.S. airlines are still tallying up the damage from this winter's storms, but solid demand for travel means they are likely to weather the rocky start to 2014 in good shape.

Reports from some of the airlines point to higher average prices, and executives say spring bookings look strong.

This has been the worst winter for flight cancellations since the government started keeping track more than 25 years ago. The top four airline companies by miles flown — American, which includes US Airways; United; Delta; and

Southwest — have cancelled nearly 75,000 flights this year. Snow and ice storms have fouled schedules at big airports in Chicago, Atlanta, the New York City area and elsewhere.

Since Jan. 1, Delta Air Lines Inc. has cancelled 17,000 flights. In weaker times for the industry, that might have been devastating, said Ed Bastian, the airline's president. Those cancellations will cut revenue by \$90 million US and pretax earnings by \$55 million US, but Delta still expects to post a record profit for the first quarter, he said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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MUSTN'T FORGET THAT UFO INVASION

With all the talk about the zombie apocalypse these days, you don't hear much about UFOs. It's as if they've just vanished from the sky.

Well, you'll be pleased to hear that's not the case.

In fact, here in Canada, the number of UFO sightings has never been higher. They haven't gone away. It's just that nobody cares anymore. We have zombies — and a few leftover sparkling vampires — to worry about.

Despite the shift in phantom phasion, Chris Rutkowski, chief researcher at Ufology Research (formerly Ufology Research of Manitoba, in case you were wondering) keeps grinding out the annual UFO survey.

As you might expect, 2012, the year of the Mayan apocalypse that didn't happen (it's hard keeping all these apocalypses straight), was a record year for UFO sightings. For some reason the Maya, who are Mesoamerican indigenous per-



JUST SAYIN'
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sons, and UFOs, piloted by Romulan indigenous persons, are often linked.

Anyway, there were 1,981 sightings in 2012, but 2013 was no slouch for sightings either, according to the latest report, fresh from the twilight zone. There were 1,180 UFO sightings reported in Canada in 2013, about three a day.

A triumphant note has a tendency to creep into Rutkowski's otherwise commendable attempt to stay on an even keel. "UFOs have not gone away. This data clearly contradicts comments by those who would assert that UFOs are a 'passing fad' or that UFO sightings are decreasing."

That "passing fad" guy? That would be me.

To his credit, Rutkowski keeps an open mind about what people are seeing. Most cases are, um, nocturnal lights (631). But daylight discs are creeping up (145). You'll also be pleased to know that there are still a few good-old-fash-

ioned close encounters of a third kind, in which actual Romulans are encountered (the more scientifically rigorous Rutkowski calls them "entities"). There are even three close encounters of a *fourth* kind, "an alleged 'abduction' or 'contact' experience." I'll bet.

Most intriguing, a full 14 per cent of all 2013 UFO reports are classified as unexplained. The truth may or may not be out there.

Rutkowski is ready to concede that a failure to recognize conventional or natural objects may be the underlying reason for some of these sightings, but he doesn't rule out the possibility that more secret or classified military exercises are underway — or maybe there's just an increase in Amazon drone test flights.

On the other hand, maybe more nutbars (my word) with an inclination to share have access to the Internet. My favourite possible reason: The downturn in the economy is "leading to an increased desire by some people to look skyward for assistance." Cosmic panhandling. It's a growing problem.

ZOOM

Left to nature, in plane view



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Humanity's mark seen from the air

A "bone yard" of B-52 bombers in Tucson, Ariz. Man's impact on the natural world is revealed in a new exhibit by photographer Alex MacLean. Taken above the earth from a plane, the pictures offer a thought-provoking perspective on human intervention. MacLean's work is being shown at the U.K.'s Beetles + Huxley gallery until March 29.

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Photog's viewpoint



"I try to make my pictures beautiful, but also to get the audience to appreciate the underlying substance of my projects such as globalization and climate change."

Alex MacLean, 67

Patterns sketch out culture and people

An architect by training, MacLean sees orderly yet artistic patterns created by humans from his almost godlike perspective: "The arrangement of man-made objects and markings tell so much about culture and people living on the land. With the distance of the aerial perspective, it's as if you are looking at a perfect model of basic organizational principles." MWN



This colourful image of shipping containers in Portsmouth, Va., is sombre in tone: "It's a perfect metaphor for my concerns about globalization," says MacLean.

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On March 12, 1989, Tim Berners-Lee presented a paper at the CERN lab in Switzerland, outlining his vision for sharing files between computers. Twenty-five years later, that vision is now woven into our everyday lives in the form of the World Wide Web. So, on the occasion of the web's 25th birthday, here are a few ways to celebrate:

The Internet Archive (archive.org/web):

Known as the WayBack Machine, this archive of more than 398 billion web pages offers you a sizable glimpse into the web's past. It's kind of like looking at the web's baby photos.



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The first website:

Although Berners-Lee had conceived of the web back in 1989, it took him until 1993 to launch the first website. It's still online, and available at info.cern.ch.

The gift of cash:

Berners-Lee could have gotten rich by patenting the technology behind the web, but instead chose to give it to the world as a free resource. So today, why not donate to some of the organizations fighting to keep the web free and open, like OpenMedia.ca or the Electronic Frontier Foundation (eff.org).

Twitter



@metropicks asked: Snowden says NSA is "setting fire to the future of the Internet." Have his leaks affected your web use?

@Zaedum: knowing that countries are using my information without my permission has made me more wary to what I do and which apps I use.

@speirs: Snowden's leaks have verified what I have suspected about myself. My metadata profile: Subject has no life.

Follow @metropicks and take part in our daily poll.

Comments

RE: Surly Pet Cat Traps U.S. Couple, Who Call 911, published March 11

So the cat has a history of violence and they are keeping it despite it scratching a 7 month old baby's face. Just another example of idiots choosing animals over people. **freebird posted to metronews.ca**

They didn't have a quilt to throw on it? **Maple Syrup posted to metronews.ca**

Pissed off cat, I can believe. Gunless Americans???? That's a tough one to swallow. **MP posted to metronews.ca**

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Another case of hotel as grand old backdrop of frolic and folly

Lobby for fun. Wes Anderson latest director to resort to hotel as centre of action



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"Grand Hotel... always the same. People come, people go. Nothing ever happens."

That famous line from the Greta Garbo film *Grand Hotel* is only half right. Hundreds of movies have used hotels as a backdrop for the action because people come, people go, but despite the quote's assertion, there's always something happening.

This weekend's *The Grand Budapest Hotel* is a case in point. Starring Ralph Fiennes as a concierge at a European hotel between the world wars, it features an all-star cast, including Bill Murray, Owen Wilson, Harvey Keitel and Edward Norton. They are all part of the fabric of the hotel's history, which includes assassins, murder, riches and a mysterious painting.

Hollywood has always recognized that the transient nature of hotels makes for great drama.

New York City's Plaza Hotel has played host to many famous movie scenes. Everything from *Barefoot in the Park* to *Funny Girl* to *The Great Gatsby* has used the iconic hotel as a backdrop, but it is probably best known as a location for North by



Ralph Fiennes stars as a concierge in Wes Anderson's *The Grand Budapest Hotel*. CONTRIBUTED

Northwest. In the Alfred Hitchcock film, Roger O. Thornhill (Cary Grant) is mistaken for a government agent and kidnapped from the ornate lobby.

The opening shot of *Goldfinger* features a stunning aerial view of Miami's Fontainebleau Hotel, which at the time was the most luxurious guesthouse on Miami Beach. Later in the film, Bond girl Jill Masterson (Shirley Eaton) dies of skin asphyxia-

tion inside the hotel after henchman Oddjob (Harold Sakata) coats her whole body in gold paint.

In the 1920s the Hotel del Coronado was a famous weekend getaway for Hollywood stars like Mae West, Charlie Chaplin, Clark Gable and Errol Flynn, but the Victorian wooden beach resort found fame as the setting for several scenes in *Some Like It Hot*. Located on San Diego Bay across from San Diego,

the beachfront location was the scene of one of the film's most famous lines. When Jerry (Jack Lemmon) first spies Sugar Kane (Marilyn Monroe) sashaying through the sand, he says, "Look how she moves! It's like Jell-O on springs."

Stephen King was inspired to write *The Shining* after staying at the 140-room Stanley Hotel in Colorado. "I think a lot of things happened right here in this particular hotel

over the years," says Dick Hal-lorann (Scatman Crothers) in the film version. "And not all of 'em was good."

The Stanley has been used as a location for *Dumb and Dumber* and other films, but Stanley Kubrick chose not to showcase the place in his 1980 adaptation of the novel. Instead, much to King's disappointment, he used Oregon's Timberline Lodge as a stand-in for the film's fictional Overlook Hotel.

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Amanda Bynes denies secret Twitter account

Amanda Bynes has been behaving herself since returning to Twitter earlier this month — officially, at least.

According to In Touch, the troubled former child star has been using a secret second Twitter account to be her old self again, mocking familiar targets like Rihanna and Courtney Love and obsessing over her dog and going to the gym under the pseudonym Ashley

Barks.

"If this isn't Amanda Bynes' private Twitter account, then someone is doing a very good job of impersonating her," a social media expert tells the magazine.

But Bynes herself says the story is bogus, taking to her official Twitter account to write, "FYI This is my only twitter account, I have no secret twitter accounts."

Mamma Mia! Miley eyes getaway in Clooney's hood

George Clooney's hideaway in Lake Como, Italy, might not be such a peaceful retreat if Miley Cyrus goes through with her reported plan to purchase a home near the Monuments Men star.

"Miley is seriously talking about purchasing a home on Lake Como," a source tells Radar Online. "Miley is eagerly anticipating her first major real-estate purchase and she figures, what could be better than a place in Italy near her favorite A-list star?" Apparently the search for a big-ticket



Miley Cyrus

real estate asset is part of her efforts to maintain the control over her fortune. "She's going to buy the biggest and most expensive houses she can in part to keep the money away from her parents," the source says.

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

Captain America sick of partying — except with his fellow superheroes



Captain America star Chris Evans is looking to settle down and put the partying to rest, according to Glamour U.K.

"In your 20s you think, 'How will I ever not like going out?' You have drinks, buddies, music — great," Evans tells the magazine. "But in the last two or three years, I go to a club and I kind of wish I was home. My idea of a

good time has evolved a bit, so a night out with me might not be as exciting as it might have been a couple of years ago."

He does make an exception, though for his Avengers co-stars, including Robert Downey Jr., Mark Ruffalo, Scarlett Johansson and Chris Hemsworth.

"It's different with those guys," he says. "You're like, 'Come on, guys, this is great! This isn't going to last forever.'"



Keith Richards ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Sex, drugs and children's literature

Keith Richards is writing a children's book. He really is.

The Rolling Stone who came to define the adults-only lifestyle of rock has a deal with Little, Brown Books for Young Readers for a picture story called Gus & Me: The Story of My Granddad and My First Guitar.

The publisher announced Tuesday that the book will come out this fall and will include illustrations by Richards'

daughter, Theodora Richards. Barnaby Harris and Bill Shapiro are assisting with the writing.

Gus is Gus Dupree, Keith Richards' beloved musician-grandfather. In a statement issued by the publisher, Richards said the book was based on "one of those magical moments" he had with Dupree. Richards, 70, has five grandchildren of his own. His memoir Life was published in 2010. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Perfect pubs for Paddy's Day



The Irish Heather in Vancouver is modelled after modern Irish gastropubs. IRISH HEATHER

Raise your pint glass.

It can be tough to find an authentic Irish watering hole on this side of the Atlantic; here are five suggestions

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There's no shortage of bars across the country claiming to be Irish, but only a precious few can say their roots are tied to the Emerald Isle. If you're particular about celebrating St. Patrick's Day in true Irish tradition, here are five of Canada's most authentic pubs.

Durty Nelly's (Halifax)

Named after a famous Irish landmark, Durty Nelly's is credible enough to boast that its interior was actually designed and constructed in Dublin before crossing the Atlantic to be rebuilt in downtown Halifax. Toss in seafood chowder that has even been praised by the L.A. Times and this pub is certainly worth its Celtic salt.

Irish Specialties: Guinness Lamb Shank (\$19), Seafood

Chowder (\$12.50)

P.J. O'Brien (Toronto)

Opened by well-known Cloone-born businessman Pat Quinn, P.J. O'Brien features a classic copper-topped bar, authentic Irish cuisine, white-jacketed bartenders and plenty of hospitality. Although the always-friendly proprietor passed away in 2009, his gregarious legacy lives on through his son. Don't be surprised if Pat Quinn Jr. even comes over and buys you a round.

Irish Specialties: Beef and Guinness Stew (\$15), Killenny Ale Fish & Chips (\$15)

O'Hanlon's (Regina)

Surprisingly, the reigning champ for selling the most Guinness pints in Canada is located in Regina. Run by Limerick native Niall O'Hanlon, the eponymous pub sold 61 kegs of the popular stout last St. Patrick's Day and aims to defend the title. O'Hanlon's is primarily an alehouse, but attracts a diverse clientele.

Irish Specialties: Corned Beef and Cabbage (\$15), Shepherd's Pie (\$14)

James Joyce (Calgary)

Located amongst Calgary's skyscraper-lined downtown, James Joyce was opened



Durty Nelly's interior was constructed in Dublin. DURTY NELLY'S

by Irish immigrants Anne and Gerard Curran to bring Gaelic ambience to the Stampede City. Highlighted by traditional Celtic music and decorated with scores of artifacts and heirlooms ranging from schoolbooks to a penny-farthing bicycle, this dark, inviting pub will make you feel like you've been transplanted to the middle

of the Emerald Isle.

Irish Specialties: Irish Potato Boxty (\$13), Ballycastle Bacon Bites (\$11)

Irish Heather (Vancouver)

For a slightly bit more contemporary "craic" experience, Irish Heather in Vancouver's historic Gastown district models itself on

modern Irish gastropubs, but it's still the perfect pub to soak up Celtic spirit with a Guinness in hand. In the popular backroom distillery, devotees can test out Vancouver's biggest selection of whiskeys.

Irish Specialties: Bangers & Mash (\$17), Lamb Shepherd's Pie (\$18)

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Looking for a lucky charm?

Sweet souvenirs.

'Tis the season for pots of gold and leprechauns, but try taking home some of these talismans from your travels



ON THE MOVE
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Glass charms Greece and Turkey

The evil eye refers to bad energy transmitted by a person who has negative and covetous thoughts. Victims, from humans to horses, are said to suffer from headaches, nausea or impotence. While locals believe the blessings from church officials or remedies administered from a learned elder can cure them, interlopers may find the purchase of a preventative charm to

be their safest bet. Found almost everywhere around the Aegean Sea, eyes painted on blue glass reflect the power of the evil eye back on itself.

Dream catcher, Arizona

The legend of the dream catcher is woven into the oral histories and traditions of many native cultures in North America. Its principal purpose is to filter bad dreams, ensnaring the bad ones and directing the good ones to a person's subconscious. In addition to a getting a good night's sleep, owners are believed to be blessed with improved health.

Voodoo doll, New Orleans

In the mid 1700s, voodoo rapidly spread in New Orleans as the mystical religion overlaid its symbols and deities with those of Christianity. Drawing on their European masters' traditional use of effigies, slave practitioners created the voodoo doll. Whether the energy surrounding



Eyes painted on blue glass can ward off negative energy from the evil eye. These are found almost anywhere around the Aegean Sea. ISTOCK

them is good or bad depends on the intent of their creators and owners. Pick up a white voodoo doll, which is aimed at transferring positive energy and good luck from one person to another.

Corno, Italy

The phallic shape of a corno has been a symbol of fertility, fortune and power since Roman times. Like the point of a sword fending off

a foe in battle, its tip is said to protect owners against harm. To harness its protective power pick up a gold or coral charm, or perhaps a T-shirt with a corno emblazoned on it.

Lava rocks, Hawaii

Some mementoes are better left behind! According to legend, Hawaii's goddess of volcanoes doesn't take too kindly to those who cart pieces of lava rock, coral



Dream catchers are part of the traditions of many North American native cultures. Their main purpose is to filter bad dreams. ISTOCK

or even sand off the islands that she's believed to have created. The best way to avoid her curse? Stick to taking photographs of the landscape.

Bucket list



Cue the classics

Sundance, Cannes — who cares? It's not too late to sign up for the TCM Classic Film Festival April 10 to 13 — because you know you've always wanted to. This fifth annual event will see hosts Robert Osborne and Ben Mankiewicz (and you!) rubbing shoulders with legendary stars in and around the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel, the site of the first Academy Awards ceremony. Film buffs from around the world will congregate to help TCM celebrate its 20th anniversary with red-carpet galas, special movie screenings, the Vanity Fair opening night party and more. The list of special guests includes Kim Novak, Mel Brooks (above), Shirley Jones and more. Passes start at \$250 US and run to \$1,600. Go to filmfestival.tcm.com. **DOUG WALLACE/METRO**

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This is an easy light dinner or make ahead lunch for the family. Using hard cooked eggs in sandwiches adds protein and a creamy texture to this filling. For a flavour twist, switch up your cheese and try goat cheese or ricotta instead of the feta.

1. Place couscous in a bowl with garlic and thyme. Bring broth to a boil and pour over couscous. Stir in carrot and zucchini; cover and let stand for 5 minutes.
2. Meanwhile, in another bowl, mash eggs with a fork and stir in yogurt, tomatoes, feta, basil and pepper. Add couscous mixture and stir to combine.
3. Divide among the tortillas and roll up to enjoy. **FOR MORE OF EMILY RICHARDS' RECIPES, BE SURE TO CHECK OUT HEALTHYCANADIANS.GC.CA**



This recipe serves four. CONTRIBUTED

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup (125 ml) whole wheat couscous
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1/2 tsp (2 ml) dried thyme leaves or Italian herb seasoning
- 3/4 cup (175 ml) sodium reduced vegetable or chicken broth
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) each grated carrot and zucchini or diced bell pepper
- 3 hard cooked eggs, peeled
- 1/3 cup (75 ml) 0% fat plain Greek yogurt
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) quartered grape tomatoes
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) crumbled light feta cheese
- 3 tbsp (45 ml) chopped fresh basil or parsley
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) black pepper
- 4 small whole wheat flour tortillas

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A workplace without walls? It's a remote possibility

Out with the office.

If you're going to be on the go with your work flow, make sure the boss knows you're still on the ball

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If you aren't a remote worker right now, chances are you could be in the future. A new study by the work lifestyle company Flex+Strategy Group and Quest Diagnostics found that 31 per cent of full-time employees in the U.S. (about eight million people) do most of their work from a location other than their employer's site. Though many workers romanticize about working from home, it's much harder than it seems.

I spent four years work-



With technologies like Skype, Basecamp and Google Apps, it no longer matters where and when you do work — only that you get results that benefit your company. ISTOCK

ing remotely and ended up renting office space because my situation was getting in the way of real human interaction.

They don't teach you in college how to work remotely or manage remote workers, but it's an important skill in the 21st century. I spoke with Cali Williams Yost, founder of Flex+Strategy Group, to get her tips for remote workers.

Know your boundaries

When you aren't working in an office, it's hard to balance your work and life because you aren't clocked in. It's up to you to set time aside to do personal things that matter to you.

"Make it part of your routine to sit down for 20 minutes each week and review what you need to get done and want to get done on the job, with your career and in your person-

al life," Yost recommends.

Identify actions and priorities

As a remote worker, you need to take the initiative to manage yourself instead of relying on your boss to do it for you. "Identify the small, meaningful actions and priorities that will help you be your best, at work and in your personal life, for the next seven days, whether it's completing an important project, getting enough sleep or eating healthy meals," Yost suggests.

Give regular status updates

One of the biggest concerns managers have with remote workers is that they might be distracted. Your manager will trust you if you make sure he or she is aware that you are constantly doing work and exceeding expectations. "Every week send your manager a quick 'highlights' list of accomplishments," says Yost.



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Brampton A's head coach

David Magley

- Born: South Bend, Ind.
- Age: 54
- College: Kansas
- NBA draft: Second round, 1982, Cleveland Cavaliers

Mims moment



"I think he's a very observant coach. He makes his guys adjust well to different defences that we throw at him. Even offences."

The Lightning's Elvin Mims on David Magley



Lightning head coach

Micheal Ray Richardson

- Born: Lubbock, Texas
- Age: 58
- College: Montana
- NBA draft: First round, 1978, New York Knicks

Mims moment



"You really don't have the time to constantly harp on the small things, so he gives you the game plan and you just have to go out and execute it."

The Lightning's Elvin Mims on Micheal Ray Richardson

SPACE BETWEEN THE SIDELINES

Lightning coach Micheal Ray Richardson and his counterpart David Magley are both former NBA draftees, but that's where the similarities stop. Their opposing methods of attack will be on display when the Lightning face the A's in Game 4 of their NBL Canada quarter-final series on Thursday at Budweiser Gardens

COACH COMPARISON



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London Lightning head coach Micheal Ray Richardson and Brampton A's skipper David Magley could not be more different.

While the animated Richardson had an eight-year run in the NBA with four all-star appearances and an extended playing career in Europe, the more stoic Magley played 14 games with the Cavaliers and then a few years in the old CBA.

Richardson then coached pro ball in the U.S. before coming to London three years ago to take over the new Lightning franchise. Magley became a longtime high school coach in Bradenton, Fla., before taking over the expansion Brampton franchise this season.

And now on Thursday

night at Budweiser Gardens, they face each other for the 13th time this season, this time in Game 4 of the National Basketball League of Canada conference semifinal series. The A's lead the best-of-five series 2-1.

One thing they do have in common is an admiration for each other as coaches and as people.

First, Magley on Richardson:

"He's really good at what he does and it's not just a name and it's not just a show and it's not just the talent. He gets his guys ready and they compete. You can never take your eye off them, you never know when they're coming at you.

"I genuinely like him a lot. He's been one of the many blessings of being in this league this year, is getting to know Micheal Ray."

Now Micheal Ray on

David:

"I like him. He's a nice guy. He was a player once. Just like in any business, there are guys you like and guys you don't. I think he's done a great job there."

But Richardson also said the two coaching styles differ.

"His team shoots a lot of threes and I believe — I'm from the old school — the game is won from the inside out, not outside in," Richardson said. "If you look at all the NBA championships, guys who have won all over, they got to have a big guy."

And the last word goes to Magley.

"Because Micheal is fairly demonstrative, they assume there is maybe a different fire in the belly. After one of the games, one of our fans came up to me and said, 'You need to yell at the refs more like the other guy does.'"

Yes, that too is different.

Keeping our edge on sledge and slopes



Paralympics roundup. Canada's perfect sledge hockey record stays intact, Arendz battles for bronze in biathlon

Greg Westlake scored the game's only goal while Corbin Watson made seven saves for his second straight shutout Tuesday as Canada defeated the Czech Republic 1-0 in sledge hockey at the Sochi Paralympics.

Westlake broke the scoreless tie at 7:33 of the second period, ripping a shot upstairs from in tight for his second goal of the tournament.

Canada had a number of chances to extend the lead but was forced to hang on late as the Czechs made one final push in the dying seconds.

"They're a big team. They're physical," said Westlake. "They've got a lot of men on their team."

Canada has surrendered just one goal on 18 shots through three round-robin vic-

tories while outscoring its opponents 15-1.

"It was a fun game to play and it was a necessary game to play because we get better and we needed a team to push us going into the medal round," said Westlake.

Canada clinched first place in its pool and will take on the United States in one of Thursday's semifinals.

The Americans, who won gold four years ago in Vancouver, dropped a hard-fought 2-1 decision to the host Russians earlier Tuesday to finish second in their group.

Russia will meet Norway in the other semifinal.

Elsewhere on Tuesday, biathlete Mark Arendz battled pouring rain and dense fog to win a bronze medal in the men's 12.5-kilometre standing category.

He finished in 30 minutes 31 seconds. Russia's Azat Karachurin won gold in 29:30.0 while Norway's Nils-Erik Ulset captured silver.

"To get a medal is awesome and that was the goal," said Arendz.

Arendz's medal was Canada's seventh so far in the competition (one gold, two silver, four bronze).

Host Russia continues to lead with a whopping 34 medals, 23 ahead of second-place Ukraine. Canada and the United States are tied in third.

Arendz, who shot 19-of-20,



Mark Arendz of Canada races to a bronze-medal finish in men's biathlon at the 2014 Paralympic Games in Sochi, Russia, on Tuesday. RONALD MARTINEZ/GETTY IMAGES

said the poor visibility made the race extra challenging.

In para-alpine skiing, Braydon Luscombe of Duncan, B.C., was the top-placing Canadian, finishing second in the standing division with a time of 52.17 seconds. Josh Dueck of Kimberley, B.C., placed fifth in the sitting category in 59.93

seconds.

Standing athlete Kirk Schornstein of Spruce Grove, Alta., was 17th and Mac Marcoux of Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., and guide Robin Femy of Mont-Tremblant, Que., did not finish their run in the visually impaired category.

In the women's slalom,

standing skier Calgary's Alexandra Starker was the top-placing Canadian in 1:06.59. Toronto's Erin Latimer was eighth.

In wheelchair curling, Canada improved to 5-1 and moved into a first-place tie with Russia with an 8-5 victory over China.

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Hockey

Body of missing OHL player found

Officials with the Saginaw Spirit say Michigan State Police have told them that the body of missing minor-league hockey player Terry Trafford has been found.

A man's body was found Tuesday afternoon in an SUV matching the description of one belonging to Trafford in the parking lot of a Walmart store in Saginaw Township.

Trafford reportedly last was seen about 9:30 a.m. on March 3 at the Dow Event Center, the home arena for the Spirit.

In a statement on the Ontario Hockey League team's website, the Spirit offered condolences to Trafford's family and his friends in Ontario and Michigan.

Saginaw Spirit president Craig Goslin had said Trafford was sent home prior to his disappearance "for a violation of rules," but said Trafford wasn't permanently cut from the team.

At one point in the search, police said they believed Trafford might have left the state to return to his hometown of Toronto.

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Terry Trafford OHL PHOTOS

Firing blanks

"We had some scoring chances; there was just no finish."

Team Canada sledge hockey coach Mike Mondin explains his team's trouble getting goals on Tuesday

Beating the butterflies against Bautista



Toronto right fielder Jose Bautista talks with members of Canada's national junior baseball team at Al Lang Field in St. Petersburg, Fla., on Tuesday. The Jays beat Canada 12-2. NEIL DAVIDSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Bases loaded in the first inning, none out and Toronto Blue Jays slugger Jose Bautista at the plate.

A recipe for disaster for most pitchers. Especially a teenage thrower.

But it turned into a day to remember for 17-year-old starter Ben Onyshko, who managed to hold Bautista and his \$14-million US annual salary to a sacrifice fly. The Winnipeg native got out of the inning without further damage and yielded just two runs on four hits over his three innings for the Canadian junior baseball team.

"The experience of a lifetime," Onyshko said after leaving the game tied 2-2.

The young Canadians took

A day to remember

"I've got to admit my mind was racing a little bit."

Canadian pitcher Ben Onyshko on facing Toronto slugger Jose Bautista

it on the chin after that. A Toronto Blue Jays split squad rallied for three runs in the fifth inning, four in the seventh and three in the eighth en route to a 12-2 victory over the Canadian juniors Tuesday under the sunshine at Al Lang Field.

Onyshko, who has accepted a scholarship to Stetson University, said he tried to just focus on the task at hand in the first when Bau-

tista came to the plate after two walks and a Moises Sierra single.

"It was surreal," said Onyshko. "I was scared for a split second when he (Bautista) hit the ball. Once I was able to get that first out, I think things started to roll a bit better. I settled in."

Onyshko, who recorded one strikeout, had his parents and sister looking on in the stands.

Jays starter Brandon Morrow, not helped by a Colby Rasmus error, gave up two runs on four hits. He struck out two and walked three.

Morrow was followed by Sergio Santos, Steve Delabar and Aaron Sanchez.

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Canada's junior team

The team plays in the fall instructional league against young major-league talent before their spring series in Florida in March and April.

- **The opposition.** This year's opponents also include teams from the Atlanta Braves, Philadelphia Phillies, Pittsburgh Pirates and Washington Nationals.

- **Baseball worlds.** Canada's schedule is built around a qualifying tournament in Mexico in September for the 2015 world junior championships in Japan. Canada is bidding to become one of the four teams to emerge from the Americas.

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Nissan's lovable Rogue for 2015



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2015 Nissan Rogue

- **Type.** Four-door, front- all-wheel-drive compact wagon
- **Engines (hp).** 2.5-litre DOHC I4 (170)
- **Transmissions.** Continuously variable (CVT)
- **Base price (incl. destination).** \$25,100



Fuel economy

The improved CVT helps bump fuel economy to 7.9 l/100 km in the city and 6.0 on the highway (8.2/6.2 for AWD models), compared to 9.0/7.0 for previous Rogues (9.6/7.7 for AWD).

Engine

Visually, the Tennessee-built Rogue swaps out its Murano-like egg-carton grille for one that's a whole lot bolder. It's part of a new front end with added folds and creases for the hood and fenders, an enlarged lower air intake and fancy jewel-like headlight pods ringed with standard LED (Light Emitting Diode) running lights.

Review. Quality weather versatility, good value and NASA-inspired seats will win you over

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It's cold out here. Like, -20 C, with blowing snow and darkening skies in the heart of Quebec's Laurentian mountains just north of Montreal. And here we are, sampling Nissan's 2014 Rogue compact wagon.

The second-generation Rogue follows a pattern established by the original 2008 model-year version. Although a Nissan success story, the Rogue is kept at bay by the league-leading Honda CR-V, Ford Escape, Toyota RAV4 and Chevrolet Equinox. For 2014, the Rogue has upped its game with more distinctive styling, more comfortable and practical seating arrangements and improved fuel economy. They constitute basic motherhood issues for this segment that absolutely factor into the purchasing-deci-

sion process.

At the opposite end, the rear window and side glass are squared-off and the taillights are enlarged and repositioned above the fender line for improved style and visibility.

What isn't visible is the Rogue's all-new platform that's developed with Nissan's cross-ownership partner Renault. The Rogue's dimensions actually vary little from the original architecture, with just a 1.5-centimetre stretch between the front and rear wheels and similarly small increases in width and body height.

Inside, Nissan increased the Rogue's load capacity by about 20 per cent, thanks to a new fold-flat passenger seat. Overall interior volume is increased by about 10 per cent.

Nissan now offers a third-row seating option for the Rogue, which makes it the only small ute in its class outside of the Mitsubishi Outlander with the capacity to transport up to seven passengers. Access is secured by sliding the split-folding second-row bench forward up to nine inches, but as with most three-row arrangements

it's best to position only smaller folks in the back row for short journeys and surrender any meaningful amount of stowage space while it's in use.

The remaining restyled cabin area is a place of comfort and joy, especially the restyled dash/control panel layout and the NASA-inspired "Zero Gravity" front seats (similar to the ones in the Nissan Altima sedan). They really do the trick on extended trips, especially with the optional progressive quick-heat system that warms the thighs and hips before extending warmth to other body areas. Returning is a 175-horsepower 2.5-litre four-cylinder engine. It's connected to a continuously variable transmission (CVT) that now performs more like a traditional automatic in operation and performance. A redesigned belt and pulley system plus a sport-mode switch for the driver sharpens transmission operation and throttle response.

Various traction and control aids make winter tripping tolerable. The \$2,000 all-wheel-drive option—a must-have for snow-bound buyers—redirects

engine torque from the front to the rear, or to individual wheels, as necessary. The AWD can also be locked in 50/50 mode (front/back) at speeds below 40 km-h.

Other safety and comfort systems can be brought into play on the Rogue, such as Active Ride Control that uses the brakes and engine torque to help smooth rough-road jounces, Active Trace Control that applies the inner or outer brakes as needed for more directionally precise cornering and Active Engine Braking that automatically reduces engine torque to help slow down the vehicle while you're using the brake pedal.

Options include a power-adjustable driver's panorama sunroof and "Around View Monitor" that shows a bird's-eye view of what's going on around you. Also optional is a leather interior and a navigation system, which of course inflates the Rogue's \$25,100 base price but allows buyers to take the luxury route whether heading to and from work, or heading outdoors for some cold-weather fun.

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5 DRIVE

Buick Regal GS displays its true grip

Auto know. Winter ice testing has become the cool way to show just how hot modern AWD systems are

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"We wanted to go someplace where we would be virtually guaranteed to experience winter conditions." Right, then.

Katie Bjoerk of Buick explains why we're traveling the slippery back roads near Montreal, Quebec, alongside the frozen Ottawa River. The car is a 2014 Regal GS equipped with all-wheel-drive.

It's mid-February and it will be another six to eight weeks before the river ice is completely gone. By then a ferry will have replaced the ice "bridge" (in reality just a clean sheet of glassy ice that's maintained by the ferry owner during the winter). The cost of passage — \$6.50 — is the same whether you cross on ice in the winter or over water in the summer.

It seems a bit extreme, but winter testing is a necessity. Really cold weather is tough on drivetrains, brakes, electrical systems and related components. It's especially critical that they pass muster on any new model before it enters full production.

It's a growing trend to invite auto writers from all over North America to visit these frozen climes to closely examine (as in beat up on) all-wheel-drive systems. Product demonstrations involve subjecting vehicles to the kind of rigorous driving that most owners would never attempt on their own, simply because they can't go out of bounds in real-world driving.

In the past few weeks, no fewer than four automakers have organized such events in the Montreal region. In fact a couple of tracks that are used for motocross, drag racing and go-karting now cater to such manufacturer-sponsored gatherings.

Their specially groomed facilities provide a way to explore AWD capabilities in ways that would be impossible to do on public roads.

Bjoerk has arranged Buick's sub-zero field trip to demonstrate the capabilities of the Regal's new all-wheel-drive system that has been added to the option sheet for 2014.

Test passed

The Regal proves to be a steady, stable performer on some typical (for the region) snow-packed roads.

The Regal proves to be a steady, stable performer on some typical (for the region) snow-packed roads. Its road holding is helped by the electronic intervention hardware, along with a set of super-grippy Michelin snow tires. Quebec's enlightened transportation authority has made snow tires mandatory during the winter months and for good reason. Mother Nature can be downright cruel and conditions dangerous at this time of year.

The weather is miserable at the ICAR track for the test trials. The temperature is somewhere around -25 C and strong northerly gusts make it feel much colder. In other words, it's Bjoerk's idea of perfection.

A half-dozen or so Regal GS AWD models are on hand and have been thoughtfully pre-warmed. The test schedule includes a single and figure eight skid pad (more accurately, a slide pad), a slalom course, a short, but twisty road course with blind turns (thanks to high banks of plowed snow) and a timed loop to test the driver's mastery of winter conditions.

The GS is fully qualified for the proceedings. The car is a hefty 1,800 kilograms, yet it feels surprisingly light on its feet, thanks to its new turbocharged 2.0-litre four-cylinder engine that makes 259 horsepower and 295 pound feet of torque. The power is impressive, but at Le Circuit ICAR it's all about traction and finesse; here, both will get a workout.

The AWD apportions 90 per cent of the available torque to the front wheels under normal driving conditions. But when loss of traction is detected it can reverse the front-to-back torque and vary it from left to right at the rear wheels, which helps to guide the car precisely through a corner.

The AWD is assisted by the Regal's limited-slip differential (LSD) and traction/stability controls to reduce skids and spins. When both systems are in play, the Regal can maneuver around the slide pad and track with aplomb.

Even so, they can't override the laws of physics and ag-



Although we're here to test the competency of the Buick Regal AWD, it's also a pretty car with a hunkered down stance. That's an ice-fishing shack, if you didn't know.

Hot times in the snow

2014 Buick Regal GS AWD

- Four-door mid-size sport/luxury sedan
- 2.0-litre DOHC I4, turbocharged, 259 horsepower, 295 pound-feet of torque
- Six-speed automatic transmission
- 10.9/7.3 l/100 km (city/highway)
- Base price: \$43,000

gressive driving is frequently rewarded with a grille full of snow bank.

The contrast comes with both the LSD and the traction/stability controls turned off. At that point the Regal becomes nearly impossible to steer, stop, or even gain any forward momentum over ICAR's superslick surfaces. Since you can't mess around on public roads to fully explore the limits, or lack thereof, the experience here is proof that modern electronics actually work. And that's the point.



Because the limits of adhesion are so low on ice and snow, there's a high level of danger at regular travelling speeds that's almost impossible to feel and read. Modern AWD can't save your bacon in every situation, but it sure helps. ALL IMAGES WHEELBASE

How Nissan can keep the Micra so cheap

Driving Force. The new model is less than \$10k and is Canada's least expensive car, but how does the Japanese automotive giant do it?

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Earlier this year at the Canadian International Autoshow in Toronto, Nissan announced that its newest model, the Micra, will go on sale starting at just \$9,998. But how can a company keep the price so low?

"It's all based on what costs we can deal with," says Christian Meunier, president of Nissan Canada. "We have to minimize the expense structure to launch the car, and make sure that all the dollars we put into the margin are optimized for the dealers to make money. It's a very tight and structured way to go to market, and there is little room to fail."

The materials that go into each car make up a relatively small portion of

Facts

- **Taking on the used market.** Value-priced cars compete not just against other new cars, but against used ones, where their warranties and financing can have an advantage.

- **Most popular with ...** Quebecers traditionally buy the majority of entry-level hatchbacks in Canada, especially with manual transmissions.

- **Comparison** Canadians buy more compact cars, while Americans buy more mid-size cars, but the Ford F-Series pickup is the highest-selling single model in both countries.

the budget. Instead, most of the cost is in development and overhead. It can cost as much as \$1 billion to design, test, and create tooling for a completely new engine or transmission, while each factory's utilities and labour costs are constant no matter what size vehicle is being built. As many vehicles do, the Micra shares its platform with several other models worldwide, ultim-



The new Nissan Micra will be Canada's least expensive car. BOTH IMAGES PROVIDED

ately amortizing these development costs across one million cars each year.

"We can bring in a car with that price point and still be profitable," Meunier says. "There are a lot of

economies of scale." However, while the Micra is already sold in several other countries, there are added costs in introducing it here. "It's tailored to Canada for the road conditions, suspen-

sion, steering, the structure of the seats, and the heater ducts to the rear," Meunier says. The car must also be tested for Canadian safety and fuel efficiency regulations.

Such costs are normally shared with the company's U.S. subsidiary when a vehicle will be sold in both countries, but since the Micra will only be offered here, Nissan Canada will bear all of the expenditure.

Even the wheels have a Canadian consideration: while global Micras have smaller ones, ours will have 15- or 16-inch wheels, since smaller-diameter winter tires are difficult to find.

When bringing in a new model, automakers also have to be very careful about how it fits in with existing vehicles. If it's too close to another in size, pricing, or features, it could steal sales from it, or conversely, customers could bypass it in favour of a model that offers a lot more for only a slightly higher price. In the Micra's case, Meunier had to ensure that it could be competitive alongside the Versa Note, currently Nissan's smallest hatchback.

"We want (the two combined) to sell a lot more than the Note was selling alone," Meunier says. "It's a very tight and structured way to go to market, and but it's a very comprehensive business case that we've put together."

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How to roll around the shop

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A model Mercedes

Spending \$2,000 for a brand-new car would seem like a heck of a deal, but what about the same money for a 1/12-scale 1935 Mercedes-Benz 500K Roadster? It still seems like a deal. This 43-centimetre-long replica, which weighs in at a hefty three kilograms, features a fully retractable roof so you can display it with the top up or down. All of its 1,959 components are highly detailed, as you might expect, including the supercharged eight-cylinder engine, coil-spring suspension, intricate wire wheels and leather-covered interior. Only 2,000 copies of this spectacular model will be available worldwide. Order from replicarz.com.



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Fuel-cell vehicles have always had an aura of science fiction about them, even though the science has been around since 1850 or so, when Sir William Grove first mused about generating electricity by exploiting how electrons hold water together.

Don't worry, this will not be a science lesson.

Science and I stopped being friends in grade nine, when I wondered how the mild acid in a glass beaker would fair in a Styrofoam cup, and the acid ate the Styrofoam cup, and the finish on the desk, and



Under the skin of Toyota's latest concept vehicle, the FCV, are fuel-cell components destined for actual production vehicles. BOTH IMAGES PROVIDED

the finish on the floor, and caused Mr. Ramsey to be very ill-tempered with me.

I guess the vague science fiction feel comes from the notion of something could be a "fuel" — in this case hydrogen — yet only produce water as an "emission." It doesn't sound natural, in our lives so used to, and tied to, the combustion-ing of petro-

chemicals.

The only thing I want to say today about fuel cell vehicles is how close they are to actually being a fully retail product. Hyundai, Toyota, Honda, BMW and Mercedes-Benz have all officially announced intentions to have "retail ready" fuel-cell vehicles in showrooms within 18 to 24 months, depending



The ultra futuristic-looking hydrogen tank in place.

on the market.

Two years goes by fast. It's already been three years since Charlie Sheen was last seen on *Two and a Half Men*.

The manufacturers are deep into testing the actual fuel-cell components we will see on these retail units. No more going back to the drawing board for another blue-sky concept. Toyota's fuel-cell

test mule, for example, has been raking up miles in North America for over a year now, including a deep freeze stint in Yellowknife.

Off course, we still need a hydrogen re-fueling infrastructure, and that is not progressing along swimmingly. In fact, right now there is not one publicly accessible hydrogen station in all of Canada,

and no immediate plans to build any amount.

But say we overlook that alarming impediment and say fuel-cell vehicles will be a major force in the next few decades — because now it's time to look beyond fuel-cells. Yes, fuel cells are barely here, or more correctly not even here yet — but don't we need to know what will be the next big vehicle propulsion thing, after fuel cells?

Yes we need to know, but details are sketchy.

There doesn't seem to be one imminent and/or dominate science or technology currently poised to add to the list of major ways vehicles have been driven. So far on the timeline there is steam, electricity, the internal combustion engine using various petrochemicals, more electricity, and fuel-cells using hydrogen.

Maybe quantum physics will figure in somehow. There is some discussion about a quantum propulsion machine. I'd explain it, but I'd have to understand it first, and that's not going to happen.

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Horoscopes

Aries

March 21 - April 20

The Sun in Pisces at this time of year can make you emotional and you will find it hard to hide your feelings today. Why would you want to? Honesty is essential in all situations.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

What comes to light in an unexpected manner today will most likely improve your bargaining position. It will also remind you that you that you have friends you can count on.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

Fight for your rights today, no matter how overwhelming the odds may be. Actually the odds are not nearly stacked against you to the extent you believe. Rivals are as scared of you as you are of them.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

The more others say you can trust them today, the more cautious you should be. In any negotiations you must get promises in writing at every stage. If you don't, they will likely turn out to be worthless.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

You know what to say and do to win friends and relatives to your way of thinking. Whether your way of thinking is correct is another matter entirely — but since when do Leos worry about things like that?

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

A positive outlook in the face of adversity is essential. Because Virgo is a sign that gets caught up in details, you have a tendency to think it's the end of the world when little things go wrong.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

A plan that has been in a state of limbo since the start of the year will begin to move forward again today. Don't try to do everything at once though. You'll catch up.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

If you do anything to excess between now and the full moon on the 16th you will regret it, so tone down your act and don't try so hard to impress friends or co-workers.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

You have no doubts and no reason to believe you will not succeed at the tasks you have set yourself. Rivals may try to derail your plans over the next few days but they won't come close to succeeding.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Keep options open over the next 24 hours, especially in dealing with co-workers. Because their plans are likely to change you may have to change too. If you're flexible, you will be in the money.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Make an effort to stand above petty battled. It may look as if the world is going to hell in a handcart but that's only because you are taking too narrow a view of events.

Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

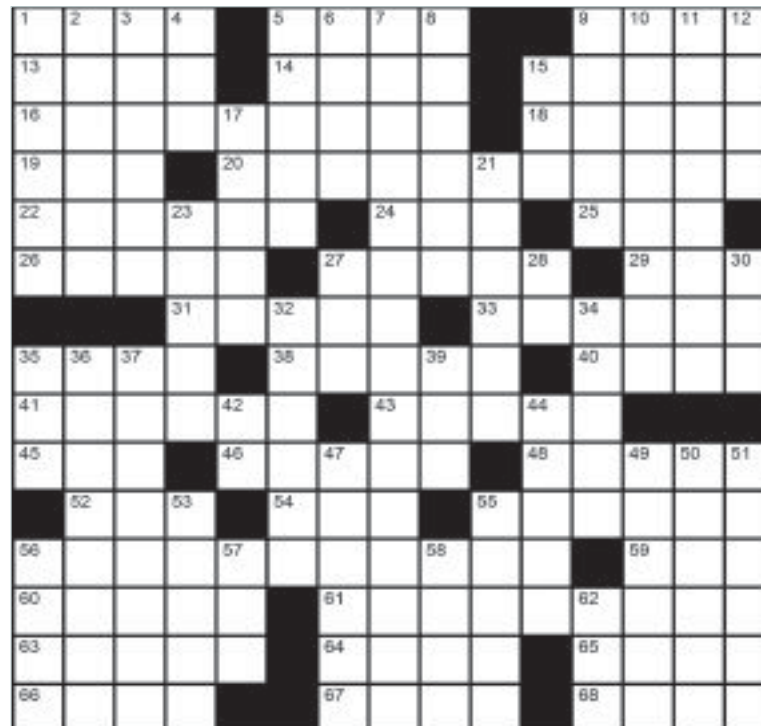
You need to raise your game. A week or so from now the Sun will move out of your birth sign, after which it may not be so easy to get things done. Don't aim just to be better, aim to be the best.

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Crossword: Canada Across and Down

Across

- Sanctum
- Vents
- Purina rival
- Benefit
- Lovestruck, old-style
- Offshoot
- Self-esteem issue: 2 wds.
- Uncle's wife [var. sp.]
- 'Pay' suffix
- Canadian actor Matt Frewer played the computerized title character on this late-'80s series: 2 wds.
- Group of four
- Cable channel
- High sch. math
- Wooded
- Inexpensive
- Dawn goddess
- Musical pace
- 007's Ms. Andress
- La Boheme role
- Sicily's volcano, belonging to it
- Caesar's 2,550
- Highlight
- Finale
- Dog breed
- Humdinger
- Q. "How do you say 'West' in French?" A. "It's either 'Ouest' or '___', I think."
- Ms. Vardalos
- Bruins legend Bobby
- 24 hr. banker cost: 2 wds.
- "Sherlock" star



- Benedict __, on Showcase
59. Mon.'s French equivalent
60. Mr. Welles
61. Nicknamed health plan always mentioned on American news
63. "So __ a song

- of love, Julia." - The Beatles
64. Movie beekeeper
65. "Now!"
66. Require
67. Fam. members
68. 'Special' suffixes

Down

1. John __, Prime

- Minister who is Christopher Plummer's great-grandfather
2. Beverage 'box'
3. Until now: 2 wds.
4. "___ questions?"
5. Equally irked: 2 wds.
6. Jumbo-sized movie presenter

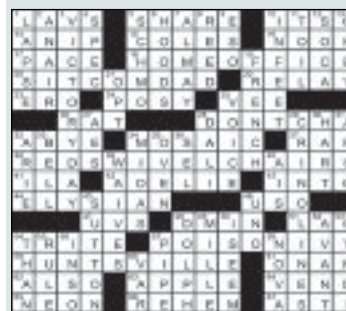
7. The __ Stephen Harper
8. Sam __ (Famous officer of the North West Mounted Police)
9. Honda car
10. Flooring choice
11. Leprechaun's treasure, __ '___
12. 'Pseud' suffix

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

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- Unhappy
- "Drats, __ a mistake."
- "Rebel Without __" (1955)
- Fix, as shoelaces
- Mil. rank
- Media company dept.
- Mr. Mineo
- Shooting star
- Faux compliments-giving
- Blueprint
- Medical job on Global drama "Remedy": acr. + wd.
- Danielle __, Senior Reporter on CTV's "etalk"
- Li'l quantity
- Fredericton's prov.
- Saxe-Coburg-__ (British monarchy's pre-Windsor name)
- Shady tree retreat
- __ (Some music notes)
- Pointillist painter, Georges __
- Principles
- Form __ (Grow close)
- Pinnacles
- Nickel
- Manchester, __
- Weight unit in China
- Show on Marg's TV resume

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku

5	1	2	4	6	9	8	3	7
3	7	4	2	5	8	9	8	1
6	9	8	7	3	1	2	4	5
7	4	3	9	2	6	1	5	8
1	2	6	3	8	4	6	7	9
8	8	9	5	1	7	3	2	4
4	8	8	1	7	2	5	9	3
9	5	1	6	4	3	7	8	2
2	3	7	8	9	5	4	1	6

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	2			5				
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			5					

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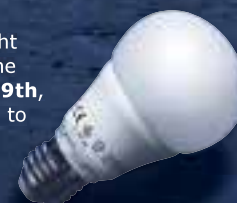
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